

Applicant(s): Tony Hollings et al.
U.S.S.N.: 10/563,639

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action dated October 2, 2008, Applicants request that the foregoing claim amendments be made prior to examination on the merits. Specifically, Applicants amend claims 1, 3, 5, 17, 18 and 56. New claim 57 is added. Accordingly, claims 1-11, 15, 17-34, 36-39, 45-48 and 52-57 remain pending, of which claims 1, 21, 27, 46 and 52 are in independent form.

Claims 17 and 18 are amended to depend from claim 1. This amendment cures the objection raised by the Examiner in the Office Action.

Applicants hereby elect the Group 2 claims for examination without traverse. Claims 1, 3-7, 15, 21 and 22 were indicated by the Examiner as constituting the Group 2 claims. Applicants acknowledge that claim 1 links the inventions set forth in Groups 1-8 and upon the allowance of a linking claim, the restriction requirement as to the linked inventions shall be withdrawn and any claims depending from or otherwise requiring all the limitations of the allowable linking claim will be rejoined.

Regarding Ohta (U.S. Patent No. 4,955,299), which is cited by the Examiner in the Office action as teaching the subject matter of the independent claims, Applicants have amended claim 1 to clearly distinguish Applicants' printing unit from the printing device disclosed in Ohta.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, consideration and favorable action are respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that the application is not in condition for allowance, or otherwise has any questions regarding the application, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' Attorney at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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